

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A clipping device comprising:
a sheath member to be inserted into a body cavity of a subject;
an operation wire inserted into the sheath member in a back/forth movable way;
a coupling member directly connected to a distal end of the operation wire; and
a clip for use in clipping a living tissue, the clip being detachably coupled to the coupling member and adapted to be closed by a pulling operation of the operation wire, in which, when the operation wire is being pulled, the clip is separated in a closed state from the coupling member.

2. (Original) A clipping device according to claim 1, wherein the operation wire and coupling member are so fixed as to be nondetachable.

3. (Original) A clipping device according to claim 2, wherein the operation wire and coupling member are connected to each other by passing the operation wire through a hole of the coupling member and by turning the operation wire back.

Claims 4 and 5: (Cancelled)

6. (Original) A clipping device according to claim 2, wherein the operation wire and coupling member are connected to each other by cramping.

7. (Original) A clipping device according to claim 1, further comprising an insertion tube fitted over an outer side of the sheath member.

8. (Original) A clipping device according to claim 7, further comprising a first operation means mounted near a base end of the insertion tube to allow the insertion tube and sheath member to be operated in a back/forth moving way; and a second operation means having a slider coupled to a base end of the operation wire and adapted to move the sheath member back and forth.

9. (Original) A clipping device according to claim 8, wherein the operation wire is turned back at a middle part, and the slider of the second operation means is fixed to the middle part.

10. (Currently Amended) A clipping device according to claim 1, wherein the coupling member has a clip latching hole, the clip latching hole having an opening to provide a hole to allow the clip to be detachably mounted to the coupling member.

11. (Original) A clipping device according to claim 7, wherein the insertion tube has an embossed inner surface.

12. (Original) A clipping device according to claim 7, wherein the insertion tube has an embossed outer surface.

13. (Original) A clipping device according to claim 7, wherein the insertion tube has embossed outer and inner surfaces.

Claims 14-16: (Cancelled)

17. (New) A clipping device comprising:
a sheath member to be inserted into a body cavity of a subject;

an operation wire inserted into the sheath member in a back/forth movable way,
a coupling member directly connected to a distal end of the operation wire; and
a clip for use in clipping a living tissue, the clip being detachably coupled to the
coupling member and adapted to be closed by a pulling operation of the operation wire, in which
when the coupling member is transformed, the clip is separated in a closed state from the
coupling member.

18. (New) A clipping device according to claim 17, wherein the operation wire
and coupling member are so fixed as to be nondetachable.

19. (New) A clipping device according to claim 17, wherein the strength of the
coupling member is so set as to allow the coupling member to be extended after the clip has been
retracted into the insertion tube and put into a state in which the tissue can be adequately
grasped.

20. (New) A clipping device according to claim 1, wherein the strength of the
coupling member is so set as to allow the coupling member to be extended after the clip has been
retracted into the insertion tube and put into a state in which the tissue can be adequately
grasped.

21. (New) A clipping device comprising:

a sheath member to be inserted into a body cavity of a subject;

an operation wire inserted into the sheath member in a back/forth movable way;

a coupling member directly connected to a distal end of the operation wire; and

a clip for use in clipping a living tissue, the clip being detachably coupled to the coupling member and adapted to be closed by a pulling operation of the operation wire, in which the clip is separated in a closed state from the coupling member;

an insertion tube fitted over an outer side of the sheath member; and

a first operation means mounted near a base end of the insertion tube to allow the insertion tube and sheath member to be operated in a back/forth moving way; and a second operation means having a slider coupled to a base end of the operation wire and adapted to move the sheath member back and forth;

wherein the operation wire is turned back at a middle part, and the slider of the second operation means is fixed to the middle part.

22. (New) A clipping device comprising:

a sheath member to be inserted into a body cavity of a subject;

an operation wire inserted into the sheath member in a back/forth movable way;

a coupling member directly connected to a distal end of the operation wire; and

a clip for use in clipping a living tissue, the clip being detachably coupled to the coupling member and adapted to be closed by a pulling operation of the operation wire, in which the clip is separated in a closed state from the coupling member; and

an insertion tube fitted over an outer side of the sheath member;

wherein the insertion tube has an embossed inner surface.

23. (New) A clipping device comprising:

a sheath member to be inserted into a body cavity of a subject;

an operation wire inserted into the sheath member in a back/forth movable way;

a coupling member directly connected to a distal end of the operation wire; and

a clip for use in clipping a living tissue, the clip being detachably coupled to the coupling member and adapted to be closed by a pulling operation of the operation wire, in which the clip is separated in a closed state from the coupling member; and

an insertion tube fitted over an outer side of the sheath member;

wherein the insertion tube has an embossed outer surface.

24. (New) A clipping device comprising:

a sheath member to be inserted into a body cavity of a subject;

an operation wire inserted into the sheath member in a back/forth movable way;

a coupling member directly connected to a distal end of the operation wire; and

a clip for use in clipping a living tissue, the clip being detachably coupled to the coupling member and adapted to be closed by a pulling operation of the operation wire, in which the clip is separated in a closed state from the coupling member; and

an insertion tube fitted over an outer side of the sheath member;

wherein the insertion tube has embossed outer and inner surfaces.